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1. Baggs called this morning from Santa Barbara to say that they thought they had some special message from Ho in a private interview. Quintanilla has left them to return home, and their understanding with him is that he will report privately to you. Baggs and Ashmore will be ~~coming~~ coming here tomorrow night to report.

2. If Quintanilla does not call you today, suggest you try him tomorrow and arrange meeting under as quiet and discreet circumstances as possible and get his account. If the message should be important, we would want to check his version against what we get from Baggs. You should of course caution him in strongest terms against telling anyone else at all, reminding him of the La Pira experience in which Hanoi promptly denied that anything had been said (FYI we doubt anything was End FYI) and in general if that Hanoi does mean to say something they must be desperately

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anxious to keep it from the eyes and ears of the Chinese, the NLF, and conceivably other elements in their own government. You should in any case thank him strongly for cooperative attitude he and others have displayed throughout.

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